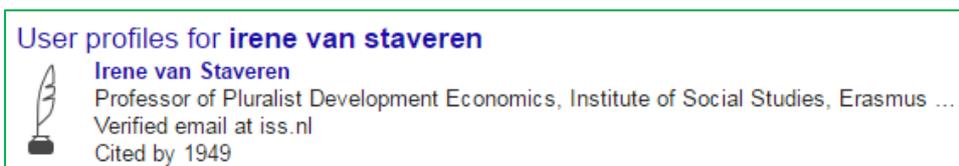# Creating your Google Scholar Citations Profile

A Google Scholar Citations Profile helps you to keep track of citations to your articles, based on Google Scholar. This includes the citing publications, and several citation metrics.

The citation universe of Google Scholar is bigger than Web of Science or Scopus – more sources are covered. The number of publications and the number of citations found in Google Scholar will therefore be higher than the numbers in Web of Science or Scopus and this will result in a higher H-index.

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- Go to Google Scholar (http://scholar.google.com/)
- Open the link **My Citations** at the top of the screen.
- You are asked to login. You can use an existing Google account, or create a new Google account.
- The **Citations sign up form** will ask you to confirm the spelling of your name, and to enter your affiliation, interests, etc. Google Scholar recommends that you also enter your university email address which will make your profile eligible for inclusion in Google Scholar search results.
- On the next page, you'll see groups of articles written by people with names similar to yours. Click **Add all articles** next to each article group that ís indeed yours, or click **all articles** to add specific articles from that group. If you don't see your articles in these groups, click **Search articles** to do a regular Google Scholar search, and then add your articles one at a time. Feel free to do as many searches as you like.
- Once you're done with adding articles, you will be asked what to do when the article data changes in Google Scholar. You can either have the updates applied to your profile automatically, or you can choose to review them beforehand. In either case, you can always go to your profile and make changes by hand.
- Finally, you will see your profile. This is a good time to add a few finishing touches - upload your professional looking photo, visit your university email inbox and **click on the verification link**, double check the list of articles, and, once you're completely satisfied, make your profile **public**.

If you add your university email address to your profile and if you make your profile public, it will appear in Google Scholar results when someone searches for your name.

Example of how your profile appears in Google Scholar search results

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In Google Scholar, your name under a title will become a link. This will guide Google Scholar users to your Google Scholar Citations Profile.

Unpacking social capital in economic development: How social relations matter
I **Van Staveren**, P Knorringa - Review of social economy, 2007 - Taylor & Francis
Abstract Social capital is a contested concept, embraced by the mainstream as "the missing link" in economic analysis. This article suggests a way to turn it into a more meaningful understanding of how social relations matter in the economy. It will do so by unpacking the
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